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FHA Executive Council Plans For 75-76 School Session

The Executive Council of the Appomattox County High School Future Homemakers of America held their first meeting on July 30 at ACHS. This meeting was held to plan the program of work for the 75-76 school session. Shown above, left to right, meeting were the officers for the coming year: Kathy O'Brien, Parliamentarian; Debbie Morrell, President; Teresa Cyrus, Vice President; Pam Smith, Reporter; Mrs. Madeline Thomas, advisor; Teresa Elliott, Historian; Janice Giles, Vice President; Brenda Thompson, Chairman Degrees; Sara Hamilin, Chaplain; and Alice Franklin, Secretary. Not shown in photo were Penny Elliott, Treasurer; and Mary Dyess. Chairman of Social Committee.

The theme for this year is CHERISH YESTERDAY, LIVE FOR TODAY, REACH OUT FOR TOMORROW.

In the month of January, a guest speaker will talk on the Bicentennial. In February a program will be given on Futureology. Futureology is foretelling happenings in the future.

A joint meeting with the FFA-FHA will be held for the month of March. A game show entitled "You Don't Say" has been planned for the month of April. Our last program for the year will be the Installation Service and a tea will be held afterwards.

The Future Homemakers of America is a growing club so be sure and read your local newspaper each week and find out what is happening in FHA.

Pam Smith, Reporter

The Pastor Speaks

"Likewise I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth." Luke 15:10.

Jesus in His teaching people often used parables. Those were illustrations based on everyday happenings that were easily applied to one's life.

The parable of the lost coin is one of the shorter ones Jesus gave. It is contained in only three verses in the Bible. Luke 15:8-10 tells of a woman who had ten pieces of silver. She had lost one piece of silver. The Bible says she searched the house, sweeping and searching the corner's with a candle until she found the last piece. The scripture says after finding it she is happy and calls her friends in to rejoice with her.

Jesus in our text above shows that he is talking about heavenly joy. This joy comes when a sinner repents of his sin and accepts Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. Each of us are important and valuable to God. Jesus came to seek and save the lost. He is searching for you if you have never cofessed your sins and put your faith and trust in Jesus as your Savior. In God's sight, you are just as lost as the lost coin in the parable.

However, if you come to know and accept Jesus as Savior and Lord, you will create joy and happiness in heaven. Jesus loves you and is concerned about you and where you spend eternity. When you prepare to spend it in heaven with God, there is happiness is heaven among the angels and on earth among Christian friends who love you. Sinner, friend, Jesus loves you; receive Him now and start a celebration in heaven.

Paul Balthaser, Pastor
Central Baptist Church
Hollywood Baptist Church
Appomattox, Va.

Mt. Zion News

The family of the late Deacon Richard Trent held their family reunion on the third Sunday evening in June at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Trent, III. There were seven generations of the late Richard and Mattie Trent present.

The picnic lunch was served by Mrs. Richard Trent, III, Mrs. Ricky Trent, Mrs. Martha Pankey, Mrs. Betty Hubbard, daughter of the deceased, and Mrs. Alease Trent, Mrs. Katherine Flowler.

There were other visitors from Richmond, Lynchburg, and church members.

On the third Sunday in August the homecoming will be at the above named church.

Revival starts Monday night. Rev. Bates of New Jersey, will be the guest speaker for the week. The Tot Choir will render music Sunday morning. Sunday evening the Men's Choir from Diamond Hill, Lynchburg, will render the music. Rev. Bates will be in charge of the afternoon service. Dinner will be served by the ladies.

Come one, come all and enjoy a day of sunshine.

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The Sunday School Lesson

Comments by Herbert C. Bradshaw

Lesson For August 10, 1975

TENSIONS AND CHRISTIAN GROWTH

Scripture: Romans 12:1-2; Ephesians 6:10-20; James 1.

Blessed is the man who endures trail, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life which God has promised to those who love him. James 1:12.

At no point do the Scriptures promise that commitment to God will bring an end to troubles and difficulties. On the contrary, the believer is warned that his commitment may bring problems and persecution. The Scriptures speak much of blessings, but blessing does not mean relief from troubles and problems. Giving a meaning to blessing which to the natural mind is strange and paradoxical, Jesus said that those "who are persecuted for righteousness' sake" are blessed and the believer is blessed "when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely for my sake." In a similar interpretation of blessing, James declares that "the men who endures trial" is blessed. Thus what from the human point of view would appear adversity and hardship, the scripture teachings can be blessings.

The topic of this week's International Sunday School lesson uses a term often heard today, tensions. It is not through imagination or exaggeration that the word figures so prominently in contemporary talk and thought. Multitudes of people live under great strain: emotional, or nervous, or mental, or physical, or a combination of these. Life is tremendously complex and terrifyingly burdensome for many. Even the routine of day-to-day living can bring strain and tension, to say nothing of living in an era of international turmoil. This week we have noted the 30th anniversary of the first use of the nuclear bomb; since the bomb was dropped on Hiroshima on Aug. 6, 1945, the people of the world have lived under the shadow of the mushroom cloud which is the symbol of man's capability for destroying himself and the earth.

But if the Scriptures do not promise the believer release from trouble and strain and problems and tension, they do offer guidance and help in coping with them. As the believer deals with them and does not allow them to overpower and destroy him, he becomes a mature Christian growing "to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." Coming to grips with trouble, dealing constructively with tensions are a part of spiritual growth.

In dealing with tension and growth, the spiritual is not to be separated from the physical. The dedication of the physical body to God is spiritual worship. It is a proper sacrifice, for the body is a temple of the Holy Spirit.

The aim of the Christian is, as Paul put it in his letter to the Christians at Philippi, to know Christ "and the power of his resurrection, and (to) share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that if possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead," he should not expect or try to avoid temptation and trouble and tension. Christ was tempted, and the three temptations specifically recorded in the Gospels are representative of the types of temptation to which every person is subjected. Christ had troubles, in the opposition of most of the priests and many of the scribes and religious leaders of his people. He, too, lived under tension, for is there any strain like that arising from the knowledge that one will be unjustly executed in the most humiliating form? But Christ also showed how a person can overcome temptation and triumph over trouble and tension.

Paul and the other apostles lived under the strain of opposition and persecution. Yet their commitment, their confidence that the Holy Spirit was directing them in doing God's work in the world, their assurance that nothing from God's creation could separate them from God's love were sources of strength in this tension. In a better Christian and more useful servant of God, in a ministry and that of earnest believers and witnesses over the history show that the strain, persecution and tension break a person or lets them; on the contrary they show that in the power of God the Christian can use them to contribute to his growth. So used they are blessings.

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Homecoming services will be observed at the Canaan and St. Joy Baptist Churches this Sunday at the regular preaching hour. Friends are cordially invited to attend. Dinner will be served by the ladies of the church.

A very profitable session of the Hasadiah Baptist Association was held last Thursday and Friday at the Sulphur Spring Baptist Church. Workshops of church officers, and church music and finance were conducted by members of the American Baptist Churches of the South. A lot of helpful information was given out to all present. Three inspiring sermons were delivered by the Reverends E. R. Berryman, Dr. Purcel Barrett of Richmond, Va. and Dr. W. C. Eural of Roanoke. A grand total of $1253.57 was taken up.

A large group of friends from Appomattox attended the funeral services of the late Deacon Harry Robinson at the White Oak Grove Baptist Church, Phenix, last Tuesday evening at 4 p.m. He was the father of Mrs. H. R. Foster, principal of the Appomattox Middle School.

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